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Application of: HOEKSTRA et al.

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For: METHODS FOR MODULATING SIGNAL
TRANSDUCTION MEDIATED BY TGF-B AND
RELATED PROTEINS

Attorney Docket No.: 10624-048

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 1, 2000, please consider the following amendment and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (1) Appendix A, which contains the marked-up amended claim 1; (2) Appendix B, which contains the pending claims upon entry of this amendment; and (3) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, up to and including June 1, 2001 and the appropriate fee. In the event any additional fees are required, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds, LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A. Matter that has been deleted is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

1. (Amended) A method for screening for an agent that modulates BMP-mediated signaling, comprising the steps of:
(a) contacting